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#### **UPCOMING EYENTS**

Alpine Skiing @ CAN-AM Race, Mont Garceau, March 22-24

#### STINGERS WIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ARYANITIS NAMED M.V.P.

Men's Basketball Update: The Concordia Stingers became the first Quebec Team in C.I.A.U. history to win the National Men's Basketball Championship. The upstart Stingers defeated St. Francis Xavier (78-71), Acadia (78-75) and Guelph (80-62) on the way to the title. The team received outstanding performances from several players, however, 10 of 11 players participated in the three tournament games. Senior captain Nick Arvanitis (Montreal, Que.) was named the M.V.P. of the Tournament after averaging over 20 points per game. He was named "Player of the Game" against Acadia after scoring 27 points. He also received the same honour against Guelph, following his 19 point performance. Outstanding rookie, Robert Ferguson (Montreal, Que.) was named "Player of the Game" in the St. Francis Xavier victory after scoring 21 points and pulling down six rebounds. He also played great defensively, allowing All-Canadian quard Wade Smith only 12 points. Third-year guard Michael Cohee (Montreal, Que.) led the team with 20 points in the championship game. He was named to the Tournament All-Star team along with Brandon's Joey Vickery, Acadia's Kevin Veinot, St. Francis forward Richard Bella and Guelph's Tim Mau.

Festivities Planned: Here is a list of the events planned for the National Champion Basketball team beginning today.

Alumni Reception	Faculty Club Concordia University 1455 deMaisonneuve West	Thursday	6-8 p.m.
CUSA Victory Party	Campus Centre 7141 Sherbrooke West	Thursday	8-12 midnight
Schick Presentation	C.C.A.A. Championships John Abbott College Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue	Friday	8:30 p.m.
P.J.'s Pub	6910 St. Jacques West	Monday	7:30 p.m.
Rector's Reception	Loyola Faculty Club 7141 Sherbrooke West	March 29	5:00 p.m.

### **Stinger Team Stats:**

RECORD BY:

DAYS OF THE WEEK: MONDAYS 0-0; TUESDAYS 3-1; WEDNESDAYS 0-0;

THURSDAYS 0-0; FRIDAYS 12-2; SATURDAYS 6-4;

SUNDAYS 4-0.

MONTHS:

NOVEMBER 6-3; DECEMBER 3-0; JANUARY 7-1, FEBRUARY 3-2,

MARCH 6-1.

**RECORD WHEN:** 

**OPPONENTS SCORE**: 80 or less (17-0), over 80 (8-7).

STINGER FIELD GOAL % IS: .500 or higher (11-0), under .500 (14-7).

<u>OPPONENT'S FIELD GOAL \$ 15</u>: under .450 (14-0), between .45-.500 (9-4), over .500 (2-3).

OUTSHOOTING OPP: 19-0. OUTSHOT BY OPP: 6-7.

OUTREBOUNDING OPP: 21-4 OUTREBOUNDED BY OPP: 3-3

**EQUAL REBOUNDS:** 1-0

Stinger Stats: (Playoffs)

PTS-Nick Arvanitis (20.0); Michael Cohee (16.3).

MIN-Nick Arvanitis (30); Michael Cohee (30); Robert Ferguson (30).

F6% - Dino Perin (57.6); Nick Arvanitis (56.9).

3F6% - Ernie Rosa (100.0); Pat Sullivan (50.0).

FT% - Raphael Tyrrell (85.7); Michael Cohee (80.0).

REB-Dino Perin (7.6); Nick Arvanitis (7.1).

ASS-Mike Baker (3.4); Robert Ferguson (2.3).

## CONCORDIA STINGER BASKETBALL CAPSULES

Ernie Rosa: Concordia's sixth man has been one of the Stingers' most productive players in the last seven games. He had a career high 22 points against Toronto in the Stingers East Division Championship victory. Rosa has a history of playing well in big games as he was the M.Y.P. for Vanier College in their 1987 C.C.A.A. win. Overall, Rosa has averaged 8.1 points and 4.5 rebounds in 16 minutes. He is a former Vanier teammate of Dino Perin, Nick Arvanitis and Robert Ferguson. Rosa has a 3.2 G.P.A. in Leisure Studies at Concordia and scored 17 points against Acadia at the Nationals after coming off the bench.

Nick Arvanitis: The fourth year forward and team leader was named the M.V.P. of the 1990 CIAU Basketball Championship. Arvanitis had a career high 18 rebounds against District of Columbia on Nov. 12, 1989. He averaged 17.6 points per game scoring a career high of 27 points against Acadia in the Nationals. Arvanitis (6–5, 202) led the team in scoring as well as in minutes played per game. The Montreal native scored in double figures 30 out of 32 games this year. He also recorded 12 double/doubles (points/ rebounds). He was named to the Centennial Basketball Tournament all-star team for the third straight year in November. In the Toronto playoff game, March 6, Arvanitis passed Coach John Dore on the Stingers All-time scoring list. The next game he passed former All-Canadian John Erglis to move into fourth place with 1880 career points. Arvanitis averaged 20 points per game at the Nationals and was named "Player of the Game" twice.

**Dino Perin:** The third year center and 1989–90 OUAA All-Star had a career high 29 points against Ottawa in Concordia's first league game on November 24. Perin (6–8, 215) enjoys playing against Ottawa based teams as he had a season high 17 rebounds against Carleton in the second league game the next night. This was one short of his career high 18 rebounds set against McGill in 1987–88. Perin led the team in rebounding averaging 8.8 boards per game and was third in scoring with his 15.1 points per game average. He finished seventh in the country in rebounding. After finishing fourth in the country in field goal percentage last year with 63.9, he led the Stingers converting 60.4% in the regular season. Perin has moved into tenth place on Concordia's All-time scoring list with 1396 points. He had a tremendous game against Guelph at the Nationals, allowing All-Canadian Eric Hammond eight points while scoring 17.

Michael Cohee: The third year swing guard finished second in team scoring this year, averaging 15.8 points per league game. Cohee (6-1, 165) had a season high 27 points against Toronto and hit double figures in 25 games this year. One of the top defensive players in the OUAA, Cohee was named to the OUAA East Division All-Star team. He was the team's best 3 point shooter converting 44.4%. Cohee averaged 5.5 rebounds a game from the guard position. He had a team high eight assists against District of Columbia (N.C.A.A. Division I) and led the team with 132 free throws. He scored in double figures 14 of his last 15 games and was the team MVP last year. Cohee sits number nine on Concordia's All-time scoring list with 1404 points. The Montreal native was named to the 1990 National Championship All-Star team.

Robert Ferguson: Ferguson (6-2, 186) finished fourth in team scoring averaging 11.1 points per league game. He recorded 2 double/doubles (points/rebounds) this year and had a team high 38 three-pointers. This rookie started every league game and was an All-Canadian at Vanier College in 88-89. Ferguson had a career high 23 points and seven assists against York on December 3rd, 1989. He hit double figures in 16 games this year. The Montreal native did a masterful job on All-Canadian David King to vault the Stingers into the National Tournament. King scored a season low 8 points while Ferguson netted 16 in the East Section Championship. Ferguson was naemd "Player of the Game" against St. Francis Xavier at the Nationals after scoring 21 points.

**Michael Baker:** The fifth-year guard has started 20 straight games for the Stingers. In those games, he averaged nine points and 29 minutes played. The Stingers are 17-4 in games that Baker started. One of the best three point shooters in the O.U.A.A., Baker was 26 of 59 (44.1%) during the regular season. Baker is one of very few two-sport athletes at Concordia, having started every game for the varsity soccer team.